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Wallops Environmental Engineer Receives Excellence in Federal Career Award

Susan M. Fields, an environmental engineer in the Environmental Office, NASA Wallops Flight Facility, is an Outstanding Professional Award recipient of the Excellence in Federal Career Award presented by the Baltimore Federal Executive Board for her outstanding work in the environmental field.

"Sue exemplifies the best qualities of a civil servant," said Teresa Spagnuolo, Chief of the Safety and Environmental Division, Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). "She is customer focused, an excellent team player, committed to her program and strives to minimize program/project liabilities."



Susan M. Fields

Photo courtesy of Debbie McCallum

She communicates on a high professional level and displays a high level of personal integrity while balancing environmental stewardship against liability challenges," said Spagnuolo.

Fields works in close consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, NASA Headquarters, local

governments, employees and citizen groups.

Fields is responsible for implementing environmental site investigations and restoration programs including remedial action at the Wallops Facility.

Fields was recognized as an outstanding Federal employee at the 37th Excellence in Federal Career Awards Ceremony and Luncheon held on May 7 at Martin's West, in Baltimore, Md.

This regional program was held in conjunction with national Public Service Recognition Week, May 3-9.

The purpose of the Excellence in Federal Career Award is to honor outstanding men and women in the Federal Government who have performed exceptional and meritorious work for and to encourage high standards of performance in the Federal Government.

The award was presented by Felicita Sola-Carter, Vice-Chairperson, Baltimore Federal Executive Board. Performances at the ceremony include musical selections by the United States Naval Academy Ceremonial Band and the presentation of the Colors and Honors by the Joint Service Color Guard Defense Information School Fort Meade.

Fields has successfully competed for and been selected into the Advanced Leadership Program at GSFC. This 2-year program is very demanding and exposes participants to a variety of work experiences, training and instruction preparing them as future leaders.

Town Hall Meeting

NASA Associate Administrator Jim Jennings will lead a team to Goddard Space Flight Center for a Town Hall discussion on Tuesday, May 25. The discussion will focus on the results of the Safety Climate and Culture assessment and its application to GSFC.

The Town Hall meeting will take place in the Building 8 auditorium from 2 to 3 p.m. It will be aired on Wallops TV Channel 6 and in Room 213, Building F-6. Questions can be called in to x1296.

Participants will include Jennings; veteran astronaut and pilot Jim Wetherbee, a former NASA executive, an associate administrator from Headquarters and Center Director, Al Diaz. The report can be found at: http://www.nasa.gov/about/highlights/culture_survey.html

ITS Training Mandatory for Civil Service and Contract Employees

Information Technology Security is a top priority for NASA and is considered a key component of successful missions.

Goddard Space Flight Center employees (civil service and contractors) are required to complete ITS training through the NASA Site for On-line Training Resources (SOLAR) web site: <https://solar.msfc.nasa.gov> Training must be completed by July 30, 2004.

All non-supervisory GSFC employees (civil service and contractors) who use a computer to accomplish work for NASA are required to complete the course, "Basic IT Security for 2004". All GSFC civil service supervisors are required to complete the course, "IT Security for Managers 2004".

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Memorial Day

May 31, 2004

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service to our country. It began during the Civil War when organized women's groups in several towns throughout the South decorated the graves of the Confederate war dead with flowers, wreaths and flags.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5th, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868.

Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Wallops Spring Time Concert - Good Weather, Good Music!



The first Wallops concert held on May 19 at the Pavilion opened with the Voices of Wallops (above) performing a medley of Beatles tunes.

The Wallops Music Club and Unplugged Music Club members performed a selection of oldies bringing back memories to several in the audience.



Dale Johnson



Chip Blackwell



Bonnie Maxfield



Debbie Parks (left) and Jeanette Smolinski direct the Voices of Wallops.



Owen Hooks (left) and Jay Brown



Don Bosman (left) and Mike Lambertson



Dave Stuchlik provided sound.

Photos by Betty Flowers

Mandatory Use of Employee Express

As part of the e-Payroll initiative to improve internal personnel and payroll processes, Employee Express (EE) will be **mandatory** for NASA Federal employees, beginning August 8, 2004.

Since EE is available 24 hours, 7 days a week, this actually places more control in the hands of the employee to make changes when it's most convenient.

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- Thrift Savings Plan
- Leave and Earnings Statement

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